GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:49
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CREATION OF NEW RAILWAY ZONES / DIVISIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received some requests/ representations for creation of new Railway Divisions in the country particularly at Badarpur in Assam, Nagercoil in Tamilnadu in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) the present status alongwith jurisdiction of newly created divisions/zones and expenditure incurred thereon so far Division/Zone-wise; and

(e) the time by which these are to be made functional?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Some requests/representations have been received for creation of a new division at Badarpur in Assam.

(c) The proposal was examined and has not been found operationally feasible.

(d) The new zones/divisions are being set up in a phased manner. The territorial jurisdiction of East Central Railway, Hajipur and North Western Railway, Jaipur and 8 new divisions have been finalised. Part estimates have already been sanctioned to enable taking up of the preliminary activities connected with setting up of new zones and divisions. These activities include, land acquisition, offices, a few staff quarters, communication facilities and other infrastructural requirements. Certain activities of one/two divisions each have been taken over by the administration of new zones. An expenditure of Rs.9.66 crores on new divisions and Rs.61 crores on new zones has been incurred till 31.3.1999. Further allotments are being made as per requirements based on phased planning.

(e) The new zones will be developed in a phased manner.